Claims 29 -37 are canceled.

38.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 28, wherein the display unit incorporates a liquid crystal display screen.

39.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 28, wherein the display unit takes substantially the shape of a cube which is readily removable from, and reinsertable into, the receptacle.

40.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device for supplying electrical energy to a load, and for continuing to supply electrical energy to the load for a limited period of time in the event of failure of the load's main power supply, wherein:

the uninterruptible power supply device is configurable into both rack-mount and standalone formats and is formed from a plurality of modular units; and

the modular units are connectable together by bridging indentations of a first size which are formed between the modular units when positioned together in either rack-mount or standalone format.

41.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 40, wherein two oppositely facing panels of each modular unit feature two oppositely facing indentations of a second size at the top and bottom of the panel, the indentations of the second size being substantially half the size of the indentations of the first size.

42.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 41, wherein the indentations of the second size are dual-purpose, being also suitable for use as a receptacle for a foot support to stabilise a modular unit when used in the standalone format.

43.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 6, wherein the control means incorporates a single electrical potential energy storage unit, which the control means connects in parallel to the or each power means, making the voltage across the control means substantially the same as the voltage across the single potential energy storage unit.

44.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 8, wherein any connection made by the control means between electrical potential energy storage units, or between power means, is made within the control means.

45.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 8, wherein the control means weighs 25 kg or less.

46.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 8, wherein the electrical potential energy storage unit is a battery pack.

47.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 46, wherein the battery pack is comprised of four 12 V batteries which are connected in series.

48.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 8, wherein the control means is arranged to connect to a further power supply in the event of failure of the said one load's main power supply, such that the voltage across each potential energy storage unit remains substantially unchanged during normal operation of the uninterruptible power supply device.

49.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 8, wherein the control means is provided with, and controls, an internal bypass

switch which, when closed, causes the electrical energy as supplied by the load's main power supply to be provided directly to the load.

50.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 8, wherein the uninterruptible power supply device is configurable into one of two formats, namely a rack-mount format or a standalone format.

51.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device according to Claim 8, wherein the array of loads have power requirements ranging up to and including 2000 VA.

52.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device for supplying electrical energy to one of an array of loads having a broad range of power requirements, and for continuing to supply electrical energy to the said one load for a limited period of time in the event of failure of the said one load's main power supply, the uninterruptible power supply device including:

a plurality of electrical potential energy storage units for providing electrical energy for the said one load; and

a potential energy supply facilitator, connected to the plurality of electrical potential energy storage units and the load, for controlling the device;

wherein:

each storage unit provides substantially the same electrical potential energy as determined by a potential difference, or a voltage, across the electrical potential energy storage unit; and

the potential energy supply facilitator is arranged to connect the electrical potential energy storage units according to the power required by the load, the same plurality of potential energy storage units being employable for each one of the array of loads.

53.(new) An uninterruptible power supply device for supplying electrical energy to a load, and for continuing to supply electrical energy to the load for a limited period of time in the event of failure of the load's main power supply, the uninterruptible power supply device including:

a plurality of potential energy storage units for providing electrical energy for the load; and

a potential energy supply facilitator, connected to the plurality of potential energy storage units and the load, for controlling the device;

wherein the potential energy supply facilitator incorporates a display unit, housed within a receptacle, which is able to adopt a variety of positions within the receptacle.

54.(new) All methods of operating the uninterruptible power supply device, and or supplying electrical energy to at least one of an array of loads having a broad range of power requirements, as disclosed in the specification and or described with reference to any of the Figures 1 to 10 of the accompanying drawings.